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PER QUARTER



## Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$3,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$500,000.

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BILLS and STS. BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
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COLLECTION, and Transact Banking and  
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on application.

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Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.  
6 " " 4 "  
3 " " 3 "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS  
2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager. [10]

## Insurances.

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS  
ABOUT THE  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

- 1.—HALF A MILLION STERLING per annum is being paid in Death claims year by year.
- 2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to upwards of Seven Million pounds Sterling and have increased 50 per cent. in the last 15 years.
- 3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced by more than double the number of new carefully selected lives.

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Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

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GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,  
Hamburg, 1st July. [10]

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [10]

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOATS, &c., &c., granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891. [10]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, EQUAL TO..... \$33,333-33- RESERVE FUND..... \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.  
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MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & C. PRAYA WEST, Martimho, 1st December, 1890. [10]

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. DODWELL, CARLILL & Co. are this day appointed Agents for the GUION STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED in Hongkong, China and Japan.

A. MARSHALL,  
Special Representative Galion Steamship Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, 8th May, 1891. [10]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

CHINA AND JAPAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong and China for the above Line.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th May, 1891. [10]

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

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Hongkong, 11th May, 1891. [10]

AGENCY MITSU BISHI COLLIERIES.

MR. JOHN GRANT will take charge of this  
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H. U. JEFFRIES,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1891. [10]

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IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

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(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDO-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND COREA, FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Head-quarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1891 contains a carefully revised

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Hongkong, 4th May, 1891. [37]

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In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram receive prompt attention.

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	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule .....	\$1.00			
B Vintage, Superior quality, Red Capsule .....	1.10			
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule .....	1.25			
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) .....	1.50			

SHERRIES.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule .....	.60			
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule .....	.75			
C Mansanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule .....	1.00			
CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule .....	1.00			
D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule .....	1.25			
E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled) .....	1.50			

CLARETS.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule .....	\$4	\$4.50		
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule .....	4.50	5.00		
C St. Julian .....	7.50			
D La Rose .....	12.00			

BRANDY.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule .....	\$3.10			
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule .....	4.25			
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule .....	5.50			
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Gold Capsule .....	7.50			

SCOTCH WHISKY.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule .....	.75			
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark .....	.75			
C Watson's Abelour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark .....	.75			
D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule .....	1.00			
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule .....	2.10			

IRISH WHISKY.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule .....	.75			
B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule .....	1.00			
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule .....	1.10			
D John Jameson's BOURBON WHISKY, Red Capsule, with Name .....	1.00			

GIN.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule .....	.60			
B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule .....	.60			
C Fine A. V. H. Geneva .....	.60			

RUM.

	Per Case.	Per Dozen.	Per Quart.	Per Bot.
A Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule .....	1.00			
B Good Leeward Island .....	\$1.00 per Gallon			

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deed so dastardly and injurious to Japan. In making a searching inquiry into probabilities, are we wrong in surmising that possibly Chinese influence and Chinese sycophants may be found at the bottom of an act so altogether at variance with the Japanese character? Many things point in this direction—ancient rivalry, recent acts of a similar nature perpetrated in Korea to the detriment of Japan, jealousy of that country's growing influence with Russia, and a consistent but well disguised antipathy to Japan and the Japanese, envy at their progressive march, their superior navy, and numerous other points which can be readily called to mind. The fact of the Czar's visit to Japan was another element of jealousy, and what more easy way of embarrassing her despised enemy than arranging such a *contretemps*? No one acquainted with China's history and who knows the national character will deny that Chinese officialdom is fully capable of such dastardly acts—in fact, it is notorious that outrages even more atrocious and dastardly have been instigated by some of the most prominent of China's living statesmen. Too cowardly to inspire such an act themselves in China, the opportunity for the discomfiture of her deadly enemy may have proved too great to be lost sight of!

At all events, we trust that while the would-be murderer lives every effort will be made to discover the sides and abettors in this great crime, and if it should be brought home to roost on Chinese shoulders, then there is some hope for the regeneration of China and the cleansing of the Augean stables at Peking, Tientsin, Canton and other places.

## TELEGRAMS.

## ILLNESS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, May 19th. The Prince of Wales is suffering from influenza, and rheumatism in the legs resulting therefrom.

A VICTIM TO "LA GRIPPE." Lord Edward Cavendish has died of influenza.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ancon* left Nagasaki for this port at 3:30 p.m. yesterday.

THERE will be a game of polo (weather permitting) at Causeway Bay to-morrow, commencing at 5:15 p.m.

THE H. S. Isaac T. Smith, Consul General for Siam at New York, arrived from Bangkok to-day by the *Chow-ka*,

bamboos, got him down on the ground, and forced him to let go his carbine, by striking his wrist with a stone. They then escaped in the boat, with their accomplices, and only three had been since caught. Prisoner was the man who struck the guard with a bamboo.

The evidence of F. J. Hyne, W. Foulkes, and Jandu, who all saw the affair and identified the prisoner, proved the charge of assault.

The jury found the prisoner guilty on all three charges. Sentence was deferred until Saturday.

#### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., was held at noon to-day for the purpose of considering the following resolution:

That Clause No. 121 be struck out and expunged from the Articles of Association of this Company, and do cease to form part of the Articles of this Company from the 5th day of June, 1891, and that the following Clause be substituted instead thereof, and do form part of the Articles of Association of the Company from the last mentioned day and be numbered 121.

121. After payment of the interest mentioned in the immediately preceding Article, the General Agents may, with the sanction of the Consulting Committee, from time to time out of the annual profits of the Company add to the Reserve Fund (which now amounts to \$100,000) such a sum as they shall think fit, and may, with such sanction as aforesaid, from time to time pay the whole or any part of the annual interest of the Reserve Fund to such persons as shall, on a date to be annually determined on by the General Agents, with such sanction as aforesaid, be Shareholders, such persons to be entitled to participate in such last mentioned interest ratable and in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively. If, after payment of the interest mentioned in the immediately preceding Article and of the additions (if any) to the Reserve Fund by this Article authorised to be made, there shall remain any undisposed of annual profits, then and in that event the General Agents may, with such sanction as aforesaid, from time to time pay the same by way of bonus to Contributors (whether Shareholders or not) of premium, and in such proportions as the General Agents with such sanction as aforesaid shall determine, and if after all such payments as aforesaid, there shall still remain any undisposed of annual profits, then and in that event the General Agents may, from time to time pay or apply the same in such manner as they with such sanction as aforesaid shall think best in the interests of the Company.

The Hon. J. J. Kewicke presided, and there were present the Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs. D. Gifford, D. R. Sagoon, W. H. Ray, H. W. Dick, C. S. Shaw, J. Barton, Bell-Irving, Saunders, Lewis, Dickson, Byramje, Ross, Gresson, Nicoll, Burder, and others, representing over 3,000 shares.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, you have heard, the notice calling this meeting read, and I may say that the advertisement explains in a great measure the object we have before us. In assembling to-day, so that it is not necessary that I should say much by way of supplement to the resolution, of which due notice has been given. I need hardly say that I expect shareholders will be ready to concur in the views of the Consulting Committee as to its being desirable that the office should acquire a larger Reserve Fund than the provisions of the Articles of Association permit. We are at present restricted to \$100,000—a maximum which we have already reached and it is therefore proposed that we should eliminate Article No. 121, and substitute for it the one which you will find in a parallel column in the papers in your hands, and which we are of opinion meets the case fully. Instead of being restricted as we are by the present article, the proposed substitute will give us liberty to deal with the profits of each year as may seem best for the interests of the office, and you may rest assured that our chief care in the future, as in the past, will be not only to safeguard the interests of shareholders, but also of those friends of the office whose contributions have added so materially to its prosperity. Before putting the resolution I will be pleased to reply to any question that may be asked.

There was no discussion, and the resolution was seconded by Mr. Ryrie passed unanimously. This concluded the business of the meeting.

#### THE CENSUS.

The taking of the census was commenced to-day. It is ten years since it was last taken in 1881, when the returns showed the following population:—Europeans and Americans 3,040; mixed blood, 606; temporary residents 188; Chinese in European employ, 5,529; Chinese residing in Victoria, 56,861; ditto in villages, 16,606; boat population in Victoria harbour, 16,687; ditto elsewhere, 12,302; prisoners 612; total 152,858, as compared with 132,504 in 1871; 188,670 in 1872; and 19,407 in 1870-71. This time it is estimated that the figures will reach 200,000, about one-fourth more papers being distributed. Constables left them at European addresses; those intended for the Chinese were given out by the district watchmen and a few men specially engaged for the occasion by the Registrar-General's department. The collecting began to-day, and will probably be finished about next week-end. The returns were out in two months, ten years ago, and probably about the same period will elapse before their publication this time as no extra clerks have been engaged by the Government, and the Registrar-General's people have had to do it and their own work as well without extra pay.

#### THE POTTER-BELLEW ENTERTAINMENT.

We have seen larger audiences in the City Hall than that which assembled there last night to witness the second appearance of Mrs. Potter and Mr. Fowell, in selected scenes from "Hamlet," "Macbeth," and "She Stoops to Conquer"; and it may also be incidentally remarked that we have seen many better performances there too. Of course, full allowance has to be made in this instance for the lack of stage accessories, but at the same time it cannot be denied that a deal more might have been made of those available; for instance in the closet scene in "Hamlet" if only for effect's sake, it surely was worth while having the "fixings" of the scenes arranged in the orthodox fashion! However, the audience seemed to be perfectly satisfied and perhaps it was not worth while going to any extra trouble for the sake of the few who knew the difference. And it is but fair to state that while Mrs. Potter occupied the boards, scenery and other incidents could fairly be cast to the winds—the audience wanted none of them: she was the centre of attraction, the pedestal, or in a word the whole of the "show," and her performance last night "added" in no inconsiderable degree to her reputation as a gifted and conscientious actress, and of course it goes without saying that in every scene in which she appeared she was most

artistically and magnificently dressed. As Ophelia and the Queen in "Hamlet," and as "Lady Macbeth," Mrs. Potter was passable, her acting leaving the impression that she possessed an amount of dramatic power which she did not deem necessary to display, but as "Kate Hardcastle" in "She Stoops to Conquer" she was at her best, and looked and acted the character to the life, and in it scored her greatest success.

Comparisons are always odious, but it cannot be denied but that Mr. Bellew as Hamlet suffered considerably when his interpretation of the character was compared with that of the talented Shakespearean tragedian who lately visited Hongkong. Mr. Bellew chose to follow the continental, or more, definitely speaking the German idea of the dressing of Hamlet, and donned his robe appendages far beyond what one would expect a youth of Hamlet's age to be adorned with. This, however, did not detract so much from the merit of his performance as did his obvious reluctance to allow anybody beyond the first row in the stalls to hear his voice. Mr. Bellew has what may be termed a bassoon, rather than a grand voice, but at the same time he should not keep it all to himself—the audience would like to hear it occasionally. As young Marlow, in "She Stoops to Conquer" Mr. Bellew was more in his element, for it is in this and similar characters that he has made his reputation rather than in those of Shakespeare's heroes. His Hamlet was at best, but an indifferent performance, and Macbeth in his hands was a nobody, and was dressed more after the fashion of an Italian brigand than a great Scottish noble of the period. The performance, however, with all its faults and shortcomings seemed to be appreciated by an easily tickled audience, but we hope that on Friday an entertainment more worth the repartition of both artists will be provided.

#### NEWS OF THE WORLD.

LONDON, April 23rd.

William Sumner, M.P., the Gladstonian whip, intends to ask the Attorney-General in the House of Commons whether he will call the attention of the Public Prosecutor to the case of Evelyn vs. Huibert, with view of seeing whether sufficient evidence exists on which to base a prosecution of one or the other of the parties to the suit for perjury. The discussion is thus transferred to Parliament, and it will probably be made the basis for an attack on the Government for the connection of the Attorney-General with the case, owing to the position he is placed in by confusion of his interests in the suit.

It is announced that Mr. Huibert intends to stand immediately for America in pursuit of Murray. The London Daily News in an article, satirizes his departure. It says: "Here is something captivating to the imagination in the picture of Mr. Huibert tracking this peculiar phantom from hemisphere to hemisphere and, if necessary, through the pathless forests of his native land. We are not sure that Mr. Huibert could go so far."

This is the opinion of some of the community, while some people are so unkind as to suggest that Mr. Huibert will never come back again to England.

It may be now definitely stated that the Public Prosecutor is arranging to prosecute one of the parties for perjury.

The Attorney-General said in the Commons to-day the Government had under consideration the question of prosecuting on charge of perjury certain parties who gave evidence in the case of Gladys Evelyn against William Henry Huibert for breach of promise.

Two thousand pounds of gold were withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day for export to Portugal.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23rd.

The Novosti says it is certain Sallustius has concluded a treaty of alliance with Italy.

The Official Messenger publishes a decree prohibiting any Jewish artisans or traders from entering Moscow, and expelling those already residing there. The Czar wrote with his own hand on the bottom of the original document a notice to the officials of Moscow that the decree is to be carried out in every particular. It is stated a similar decree is projected for St. Petersburg.

PARIS, April 23rd.

According to dispatches received here, the insurgents of Chile fought another battle at Iquique on April 19th, defeating the Government troops. The loss is not known.

A split has occurred among the Socialists here caused by disputes over the manner in which the Mayday celebration shall be conducted.

A dispatch to the Temps from Rome says that Baron Fava, in his report on the New Orleans affair, expressed the belief that there is no way out of the situation, as the Federal Government has no power to give Italy the satisfaction demanded.

ROME, April 23rd.

About 7 o'clock this morning a tremendous explosion shook the city to its foundations, spreading terror and dismay on all sides. The people rushed affrighted from their homes into the streets, houses rocked, pictures fell from the walls, thousands of panes of glass were broken everywhere, crockery was shattered, furniture overturned, and chimney-crasped down upon the roofs and in some instances toppled over into the streets below. The cupolas on the houses of Parliament immediately after the explosion, shook violently and then collapsed with a crash which added still further to the feeling of terror.

The scenes in the streets and in the houses after this fearful explosion have possibly never before been equalled during the history of modern Rome. All the thoroughfares were strown with bricks, stones, splinters and other debris hurled there by the force of the powerful concussion.

The immense powder magazine at Perza Panzica, four kilometers from here, had exploded, and caused enormous damage to the neighboring fort, which was filled with soldiers.

Reports of the affair which have reached here say that happily the officer in command of the fort heard a rumbling sound previous to the final explosion, and hastily ordered the soldiers to leave the fort. He succeeded thus in averting a terrible disaster. As it was, several peasants who were in the vicinity of the scene of the explosion were killed outright, and a number of others were more or less injured.

The Vatican shook with the rest of the Roman buildings when the force of the explosion was felt, and several famous historical stained-glass windows in the old buildings were shattered. The full amount of damage done is not known, but the loss was very severe. The interior of many old palaces and churches have suffered to a great extent.

An official report made in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon says that seven persons were killed, forty-eight injured at the scene of the explosion and about 200 persons in the city slightly hurt. There were 26 tons of powder in the magazine.

BRUSSELS, April 23rd.

Many Belgian employers have decided to grant a holiday on May day, believing peaceful agitation on the part of the workingmen will be likely to obtain for them the right of suffrage.

PARIS, April 24th.

General de Neuvrier, commander of the Seventh Army Corps, was to-day wounded in the chest in a duel which he fought with Gaston le Grand. The latter was wounded in the jaw.

LOUDON, April 24th.

A Free Education Bill has been drafted and will probably be introduced before the Whitsun recess. It provides that fees be abolished in the elementary schools.

One of the results of the action of the Portuguese officials in firing upon the British steamer Agnes and the seizure of two cargo boats attached to the expedition has become public by the action taken by the Portuguese Cabinet to-day. It appears that in addition to the dispatch of three British warships to the entrance of the Pungwe river, as announced by Lord Salisbury yesterday, the British Prime Minister forwarded an ultimatum to the Portuguese Government, declaring that unless immediate facilities were afforded British subjects to open the Pungwe river in accordance with the provisions of the modus vivendi now existing between Great Britain and Portugal, the British Government would resort to force in order to insure respect on the part of Portugal to her treaty engagement and the result would be disastrous to the Portuguese enterprise in that part of the world. The Portuguese Cabinet to-day, under pressure of the Salisbury ultimatum, gave consent to the free passage of the Pungwe river.

PORTSMOUTH, April 24th.

Four of the artillerymen of the battery which on Monday last mutinied in order to call attention to the grievances from which the men claimed to be suffering, were tried by court-martial and each sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

ROMA, April 24th.

The explosion yesterday created great alarm at the Vatican. All the windows of the Pope's library were broken and a number of precious relics were destroyed. The stained-glass windows of St. Peter's and St. Paul's were damaged and many reliques destroyed. St. Paul's church is closed while the damage is being repaired. The destruction wrought will be irreparable, as the valuable works of art which were destroyed cannot be replaced. Some time will elapse before the full amount of damage can be known.

Now transpires that the Pope was engaged in prayer when the explosion shook the Vatican building. So severe was the shock that His Holiness would have fallen had not one of the servants caught him.

An investigation shows that the explosion was caused by the accidental ignition of some shell capsules. A number of the injured have died.

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF CZAREWITCH.

The following account of the attack upon the Czarewitz is given in the Tokio Shimpo, published in Shanghai:—At half past one o'clock on the 11th instant, the Czarewitz visited the residence of Mr. Tsuda Iwasaro, No. 5, Klimate, Otsu, in a jinrikisha. When His Highness was about to enter the premises a policeman named Tsuda Sanzo, standing at the northern side of the street or entrance on duty, suddenly approached His Highness, with sword drawn, struck at his head cutting off a portion of the rim of his hat and inflicting an ugly wound on the side of the head above the ear. The Czarewitz immediately jumped out of the jinrikisha from the left side, and took refuge in an adjoining house. At the same time Prince George of Greece struck the policeman with a bamboo cane. The policeman when attempting to escape was clutched by the legs and thrown down by the jinrikisha man who had been drawing the Czarewitz. The jinrikisha man then got hold of the sword worn by the policeman and inflicted two severe wounds, one on the back of the head and another in the back, and when the policeman was falling from the effects of these wounds, Inspector Kilmour, one of those who had been leading the procession, jumped and arrested the attempted assassin and handcuffed him. The occurrence lasted but a moment and all those in attendance on His Imperial Highness were taken by surprise. A bed was prepared for the Czarewitz in the house of Nagai Chosuke, No. 15, of the same street. The Czarewitz however told them there was no need to prepare a bed, he seated himself at the front of the shop and the wound was then inspected and bandaged. During the time that the wound was being attended to the Czarewitz maintained his ordinary appearance and continued smoking his cigar. On the completion of the dressing His Imperial Highness were taken by surprise. All necessary preparations for the comfort of the Imperial guest were made and communication by telegraph immediately made to the Japanese Imperial Household Department at Tokio, and also to other quarters. The chiefs of the three hospitals, Osaka, Kyoto, and Kobe were summoned, and at half past three it was decided that the Czarewitz should be removed to the Hotel at Kyoto, and he therefore left the Shiga Kencho, going to the Railway Station in a jinrikisha, escorted as before, while the streets on both sides were lined by the Ninth Regiment. The policeman, Isuda Sanzo, aged 37, has a wife and 3 children. It is said that some years ago he was insane. The wound inflicted on H. H. is said to be quite a trumpered-up one; nevertheless quite a big crowd of desperate and threatening appearance, kept hanging round the place all day. It is remarkable that a few days previous to this outbreak an abortive attempt had been made against the Roman Catholic orphanage at Yangchow, and requests through the Consul had to be made repeatedly to the Tao-tai, before protection was afforded.

All the Missionaries' worldly belongings were destroyed, burned, or stolen. There were quarters for about thirty fathers, a fine library, and furniture, besides, of course, large supplies of stores and provisions not only for the local Mission, but for the stations farther inland as well.

There were also a school for boys, a chancery, servants' quarters and other necessary buildings and outbuildings. What the fire could not destroy, the vandals certainly otherwise managed to do away with. The hospital attached to the Mission, for the benefit of the natives, has been destroyed too.

It is to be regretted that the local Magistrate, even after being pressed by the British Consul, did next to nothing to take steps for the protection of the endangered people. On Sunday night two Christian women were taken up in most brutal manner and dragged before the Police Magistrate, and were kept all night at the Chen-sien's yamen. They were accused of having deprived two little children of the power of speech by the exercise of witchcraft, but the women could not be liberated, because the charge could not be proved.

The next day a woman came and wanted her son from the orphanage, pretending they had robbed her of her child; but the charge was shown to be quite a trumped-up one; nevertheless quite a big crowd of desperate and threatening appearance, kept hanging round the place all day. It is remarkable that a few days previous to this outbreak an abortive attempt had been made against the Roman Catholic orphanage at Yangchow, and requests through the Consul had to be made repeatedly to the Tao-tai, before protection was afforded.

In Wuhu it was at the very last moment that the three foreign resident fathers succeeded in saving themselves; when the incensed and excited mob invaded the premises the missionaries made their escape and embarked in a native junk and proceeded to Chinkiang.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Tientsin, May 11th.

Who is the happy Slipper? What is he who every Second Mate should wish to be?

Whethough his whiskers curl about his ears? Who is not the surly tyrant he appears.

His bisonous are not all oaths; oh no!

Nor his career invariably a blow.

Contrariwise, his blows like a career,

His curses stem a lame attempt to bless.

When seas are shipped, he dries his shipping tar.

With—~~not~~ halving pins and capstan bars—

But extracts from the (?) London "Daily News,"

Especially the critiques and reviews;

And cheers their spirits when by storm imperilled

With little-little from the (?) New York "Herald."

His language, tempered—so to speak, annealed—

After the model of Lord Chesterfield,

Is, from some points of view, "too bright and good."

May be, "for human nature's daily food."

To all his crew he speaks with polished ease:

"John, be so good!"—"Now, William, if you please—"

"Thomas, I beg—"or, "Robert, may I ask?"

So kind his manner when he sets a task.

Descended from the famous Captain Reece,

He makes his ship a modern *Mansfield*;

Of him his crew with loving reverence speak.

And seldom have him up before the break.

Such is the happy Skipper; such is he.

**Commercial.**

LATEST QUOTATIONS.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue—\$10 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$63 per share, sellers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 275 per share, buyers.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$215 per share, sellers.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 70 per share, nominal.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$308 per share, sellers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$82 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$100 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$37 per share, sellers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$20 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures—\$50.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. discount, buyers.  
Douglas Steamship Company—\$46 per share, sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$186 per share, buyers.  
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$90 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.  
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.  
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$20 per share, ex. div. buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 E—1 per cent. premium.  
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$125 per share, buyers.  
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.  
Purjoum and Sunglin Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$3 per share, sellers.  
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—80 cents per share, sellers and buyers.  
Imatu Mining Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.  
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$8 per share, buyers.  
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, sellers.  
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.  
The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.  
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$5 per share, buyers.  
The Soogel Koyah Planting Co., Limited—\$13 per share, buyers.  
Cricksbank & Co., Limited—\$35 per share, nominal.  
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.  
The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.  
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.  
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$17 per share, sellers.  
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.  
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.  
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.  
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$30 per share, sellers.  
The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.  
The Lubuk Planting Co., Limited—\$25 per share, sellers.  
The Lamag Planting Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.  
The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$24 per share, sellers.  
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.  
The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.  
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.  
The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—\$17 per share, sellers.  
The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, £180 per share, sellers.  
The Hongkong Marine, Ltd.—nominal.  
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15, sellers.  
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—30 per cent. div., sellers.  
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$425 per share, buyers.

**EXCHANGE.**

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. ....	3/1
Bank Bills, on demand .....	3/1
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight .....	3/2
Credits at 4 months' sight .....	3/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight .....	3/2
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand .....	3/6
Credits, at 4 months' sight .....	4/6
On India, T. T. ....	2/1
On Demand .....	2/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank, T. T. ....	7/1
Private, 30 days' sight .....	7/2

**MAILS EXPECTED.**

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Sutlej*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 15th instant at 4 p.m. and may be expected here on the 26th.

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of India*, from Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama to-day, and sails to-morrow for Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Veneta* from Bombay, left Singapore on the 15th inst. at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 21st.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ancons* left Nagasaki on the 20th instant at 4:30 p.m. and is due here on the 24th.

The *Navigazione Generale Italiana* steamer *Argo*, from Bombay, left Singapore to-day and may be expected here on or about the 25th instant.

**Shipping.****ARRIVALS.**

PAKLING, British steamer, 1,910, G. W. Loff, 20th May.—London, via Singapore 15th May, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
KAISSOW, British steamer, 1,924, Castle, 20th May.—Amoy 19th May, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 20th May.—Bangkok 14th May, General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
TONGKAN, British steamer, 1,111, Jan Young, 21st May.—Singapore 10th May, and Saigon 17th May, Rice and Paddy.—Kien Tye Loong.  
THALIS, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 21st May.—Talawon 18th May, Amoy 10th, and Swatow 20th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.  
NAMKANG, British steamer, 1,000, Woolridge, 19th May.—Saigon 11th May, Sugar and Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
LOO SOX, British steamer, 1,020, A. Benson, 20th May.—Glasgow 4th April, Port Said 18th, Penang 10th May, and Singapore 13th, Cool—Yuen Fat Hong.  
PILOT FIRE, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani, 21st May.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
TAI-CHRON, German steamer, 828, P. Duham, 20th May.—Saigon 16th May, Rice, Moyer & Co.

**HONGKONG—STEAMERS.**

*Continued.*  
HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, S. Ashton, 20th May.—Fochow 17th May, Amoy 18th, and Swatow 19th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.  
HERSITY, German steamer, 1,123, L. Madsen, 20th May.—Singapore 14th May, General—Siemens & Co.  
JAPAN, British steamer, 1,365, J. G. Oliffent, 13th May.—Calcutta 26th April, and Singapore 6th May, Opium and General—D. Sassecon, Sons & Co.  
KONWIN EMMA, Dutch steamer, 1,070, T. W. Sooner, 18th May.—Singapore 11th May, Sugar and Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
LAWSON, British steamer, 1,020, A. Benson, 20th May.—Glasgow 4th April, Port Said 18th, Penang 10th May, and Singapore 13th, Cool—Yuen Fat Hong.  
NAMKANG, British steamer, 1,000, Woolridge, 19th May.—Saigon 11th May, Sugar and Oil.—General Chinese.

PILOT FIRE, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani, 21st May.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

BELLEROPHON, British steamer, 1,356, Guthrie, 21st May.—Shanghai 17th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.

**CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**

ALEWINE, German steamer, for Holloway, &c.  
GLENFRITH, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.  
BAUFER, British steamer, for Cebu.  
TEHERAN, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.  
KATIA, British steamer, for Singapore.  
PAKUNG, British steamer, for Singapore.  
THIBET, Austro-Hungarian str., for Singapore.  
COLLINGHAM, British steamer, for Kutchinotra.

**DEPARTURES.**

MAY 21. ORION, American bark, 1,376, F. Carleton, 5th March.—New York 31st August, Kerosene Oil.—Reuter, Brocklebank & Co.  
ALTAN, British bark, 1,093, J. Munro, 6th May.—Tamsui 30th April, Coal.—Wieler & Co.  
AUSTRIA, British bark, 1,105, Geo. N. Dakin, 20th April.—New York 15th Nov., Kerosene Oil.—Order.

CAMBODUON, British ship, 1,197, R. Carland, 19th May.—New York 26th Nov., Petroleum, Russell & Co.

COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,428, L. Haesloop, 21st April.—Singapore 20th March, Timber—Melchers & Co.

DON JUSTO, American bark, 708, B. Nelson, 21st April.—Singapore 28th Feb., Timber—Captain.

KUAKHENG, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination hulk, Stonemasons' Island.—Chinese Customs.

HYDRA, Danish bark, 786, C. Christensen, 26th April.—Hamburg 7th December, General—Carlois & Co.

MCLEOD, American ship, 1,313, F. L. Oakes, 28th April.—New York 30th November, Petroleum.—Order.

SAMA MERASDEZ, Peruvian schooner, 245, A. Munizaga, 4th July.—Saigon 27th June, Rica.—Captain.

ST. JAMES, American ship, 1,487, W. D. Burnham, 28th April.—Shanghai 21st April, Ballast.—Russell & Co.

**Intimations.****A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG DISPENSARY, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 p.m., to confirm the Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 14th inst.

T. H. TALBOT,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1891.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, the day appointed in this colony for the celebration of the Anniversary of the BIRTHDAY of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

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E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

For the COMPTOR NATIONAL D'ESCOMTE DE PARIS.

L. GLENAT,  
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FOR THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG, DE WESTLEY LAYTON,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE JELEU MINING AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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A DIVIDEND of 5 1/2% for the half year closing 9th February, 1891, having been declared, Coupon No. 2 is PAYABLE at the Branches of the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited, in Hongkong and Singapore on and after today as follows:

Lot A for 50 Shares with \$12.50

" B " " " " " 5.00

" C " " " " " 2.50

For SWATOW and DALI.—Per *Tai-cheng* on Sunday, the 24th instant, at 9:00 A.M.

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